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UNO program director Don Jensen cuts away for a brief announcement. The campus station, located in the student center, provides on-air experience for broadcasting experience.

Appropriations Committee proposes changes in cuts

By POLIDOROS C. PSERROS

The State Legislature opened debate Tuesday on the 200-page, amended version of Gov. Robert Kerrey's bill, which proposes cutting most state agencies and the University of Nebraska budget by 3 percent.

The \$20 million cut to the state's general fund and the \$4.9 million cut to the University of Nebraska have remained unchanged in both the governor's version and the Appropriations Committee's amended version.

However, the Appropriations Committee made several changes, according to Kathy Tenopir, university fiscal specialist in the Financial Analyst's office.

An additional 1 percent or \$1.6 million will be cut from the UNL, UNL, the Medical Center and other branches of the university and given to the Board of Regents to distribute as it chooses.

The Appropriations Committee also declined to specify from which programs the money shall be taken.

Omaha Sen. Gary Hannibal told the *Gateway* Saturday that the changes were made because the committee rejected university president Ronald Roskens' recommendation of cuts he made at a hearing Oct. 22. Hannibal added that the committee wanted to give the Board of Regents flexibility in making the cuts.

Tenopir said no other cuts to the university were mentioned in the bill. The Appropriations

Committee had suggested earlier that as much 5.6 percent would be cut.

Monday the Appropriations Committee had voted 8-1, with Omaha Sen. Glenn Goodrich dissenting, to move the bill to the floor of the Legislature. According to a story in the *World-Herald*, he suggested a university cut of 1.5 percent with the balance being taken up by larger cuts to other agencies.

Lincoln Sen. Bill Harris is circulating a petition to start a special session of the Legislature to discuss the income tax. Kerrey had not included income tax as part of the call in the current special session. As of 4 p.m. Tuesday, Harris said he had 19 signatures. Thirty-three are needed to call the session.

He declined to reveal who had signed the petition but told the *Gateway*, "It's no secret that the Appropriations Committee members were in favor of the tax. They're some of the most conservative people in the Legislature," he added.

He said there is a growing realization among the legislators that, "We've got to have an income mechanism." He said officials are predicting a larger shortfall.

Harris said many senators told him they are working at cutting the budget now and were asking for call-backs. Harris said he hopes to get enough signatures to force the governor to expand his call, which, he said, would save the taxpayers money.

Engineering students use skills to revitalize homes

By MARY APOSTOL

Members of the UNO Associated General Contractors (AGC), a campus engineering organization, got a chance to apply their engineering skills to a real situation by working on a revitalization project for the Neighborhood Housing Service (NHS) several weeks ago.

Twelve members of AGC volunteered their knowledge and skills to plan and carry out concrete construction work at two residential sites in the Lincoln Heights area.

The students repaired sections of sidewalk at one home and repaired driveway and porch sections at another. The results of their project left the residents both happy and relieved that the work had been completed.

Luna Robinson, whose sidewalk was repaired by the students, said she had wanted to fix the sidewalk for three years but could never afford it. She said she had been worried that the sidewalk's condition was a potential hazard to those who used it.

"If someone had fallen and gotten hurt on it, they could've sued me and I don't know who I'd have gone to for help then — now you know why I'm so excited about them picking me to do the work for!" Robinson said.

The people at both residences said they would have been unable to afford the repairs if the students had not volunteered the labor.

Rudy Barajas, vice-president of AGC and director of its community service committee which planned and managed the project, said the cost savings of labor between the two houses was \$1,200 based on preliminary estimates.

Barajas said AGC tries to get involved in a community service project every year. "In addition to helping out the community, the students get experience doing construction work and managing a project," he said.

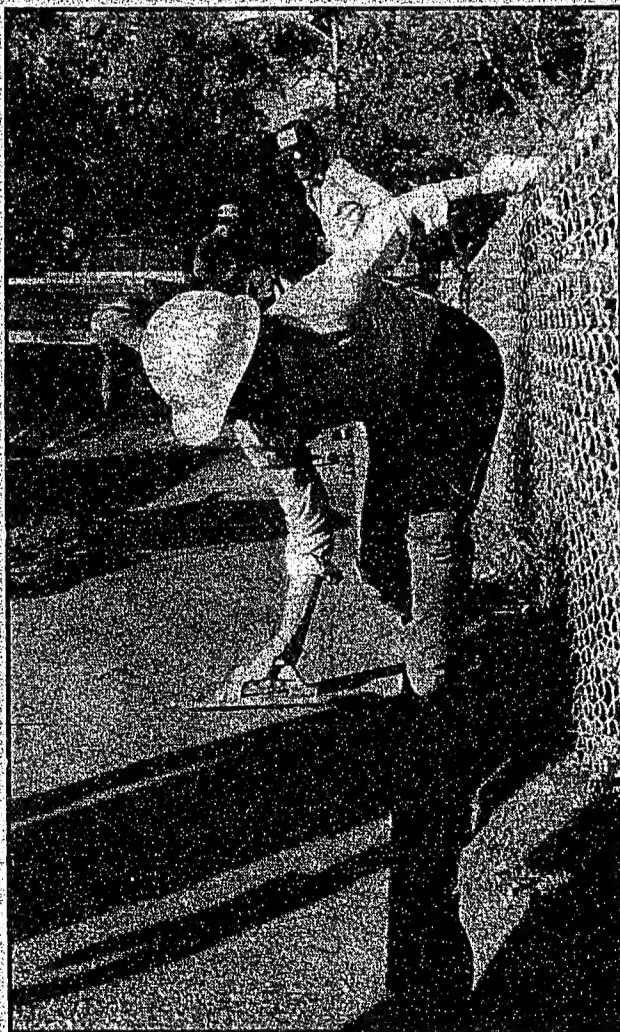
This was the first time they've done work for NHS. "They did a good quality job," said Lee Bursi, director of NHS. "We'd sure like to see them work for us again."

Bursi said that NHS, a nonprofit corporation, is working to revitalize neighborhoods from Ames Avenue to Lake Street and Fontenelle Boulevard to 30th Street. NHS is governed by neighborhood residents who work with city officials and members of the business community to offer services to homes in the area. The services include assistance in repair homes, buying a home and clean-up projects.

"The majority of those who use our services are under the medium cost of living," Bursi said.

"NHS provides loans to residents who qualify, which cover up to 50 percent of the cost of repairs. We also supply estimates, provide contractors with specifications and monitor the work being done," he said.

Barajas said the community service committee viewed three sites before deciding to do the concrete project — the others were interior repair and painting jobs. "We wanted a project that could be completed in one day and the concrete job fit that



Margaret Darnell spreads concrete as Ryan Mayberry looks on.

criteria," he said.

To complete the project, Barajas said the 12 people worked a total of 82.5 man-hours in one day. He added that 18 hours of preparation time was necessary before the group could begin the physical labor.

Some former AGC members who are now working in the construction industry worked along with the students on the project, according to Doug Dethloff, president of the AGC. "We had them come in to work with those who were less experienced and show them the ropes of the industry," Dethloff said. "It



From left to right, Jim Maieski, Doug Dethloff and Joe Lechner make room for a new sidewalk.

worked out well. The committee went through the whole planning stage: estimating, job planning and scheduling — they covered all aspects of engineering."

Dethloff said that AGC tries to provide members with an opportunity to get outside sources of information on the construction industry. "We want to give them an insight on what to expect when they get out there. We sponsor field trips and speakers for the students," he said.

"What we're looking for is experience and that's what the project was to the members who worked on it."



A winning message

Paul Swanson drew this winning logo in the Alcohol Awareness Week first annual logo contest. Sue Perry claimed second place and Theresa Madson third place in the contest, which was held last week.

Credit cards aimed at variety of students

By JUDY HARTLIEB

Part two of a series.

Between the resume writing and the job interviews, graduating seniors may feel a bit uncertain about their future.

Chemical Bank of New York said it has confidence in your future. Citibank said it believes in your future and wants to be part of it. And these banks want their Visa and MasterCard accounts to be part of that future, too.

They market these cards by offering to help students establish credit as they move out into the working world.

Chemical Bank provides applications for its cards in the UNO bookstore. To qualify, you must have accepted future "career-oriented employment at an annual salary of \$12,500 or more," or have such a job and been graduated within the last 12 months, according to the application.

A Chemical Bank representative declined to define "career-oriented employment" in a telephone interview, but said applicants must be at least 18 years old. Cardholders are charged a

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\$20 annual fee to maintain their accounts. Balances are assessed a 19.8 percent annual finance charge.

The College Credit Card Corporation markets cards to students for Citibank as well as several national and regional firms.

Students who apply for Citibank's cards generally have a very high acceptance rate, according to Michael Fromm, account executive for the credit card corporation.

Citibank's application brochure encourages students to apply even if they have no job and credit card in their name. Students are told they may send paid tuition bills or copies of bank statements if they haven't established credit in the past.

Some companies adhere to minimum earnings requirements when considering an application. Citibank's major consideration is the time a student spends in college, Fromm said. Those years are seen as an investment in the student's future.

Citibank and the other firms represented by Fromm's company, sponsor a toll-free hotline that receives requests for credit card applications. By calling 1-800-824-4000, extension 421, students may ask that applications be mailed to their home.

Citibank, like the Chemical Bank, charges a \$20 fee to maintain Visa and MasterCard accounts. Outstanding balances are assessed an annual finance charge of 19.8 percent.

Fromm said student response to Citibank's offer has been very good.

The same response was reported by a Sears credit authorizer, who said college students have proven to be very good credit starters who reliably keep up on their payments.

An application for the Sears card appeared in the October *Ampersand* magazine, that was included with a recent *Gateway* issue.

Applicants for a Sears card usually must be 18 years old. Most students are given an "18 line of credit," according to the credit authorizer. Such an account provides the student with \$504 of credit, or monthly payments of \$18.

Sears charges no annual fee to maintain its credit card accounts. Outstanding balances of \$500 or less are charged an annual finance fee of 18 percent; balances over \$500 are charged 21 percent interest.

Campus security provides escort service

Construction projects on campus have caused a temporary shutdown of lighting in several areas, most noticeably the new parking lots west of the library. Anyone needing an escort to those areas can call Campus Security and an officer will help them.

"Any situation where there is a legitimate concern for personal safety, day or night, is a reason to use the service," said Chief of Security Charles Swank.

"Our job is to ensure the academic environment is maintained for the students," he said. "We have a tranquil environment and want to keep it that way."

The escort program was started several years ago as a service to students, not as a result of any criminal incident. Campus Security averages about 20 requests each month for the service, according to Swank. Most are from women going to their cars after dark.

Students may use the service by calling Campus Service at 554-2648. Before arriving on campus, students may call and

arrange to meet an officer and be escorted to class, Swank added. Escorts are available seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Officers cannot lend assistance off the boundaries because UNO will be held liable. "We would go to a person's assistance if we saw something happening off-campus, but then we'd be like any other citizen," Swank pointed out.

Swank said parking lot lights will be turned on by the end of the month if the weather remained nice.

Campus Security also offers other services such as Operation I.D. Faculty, staff and students may check out an engraving tool and mark property with proper identification.

Campus Security offers a messenger service in which emergency messages will be delivered to anyone on campus if necessary.

A fingerprinting service is also available through the Security office. Upon request, Campus Security will conduct seminars or presentations for classes and organizations.

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Opposing sides clash over U.S. policy in Nicaragua

By SUSAN KUHLMANN

Is the United States supporting freedom fighters in their effort to overthrow an oppressive government in Nicaragua? Or is it, instead, adding chaos to an already troubled country by supporting the contras?

The issue was debated on campus last month by Bruce Johansen, associate professor of communication, and Tom Cleary, who recently graduated from Creighton University with a degree in history.

Cleary used facts, figures and historical background to support his arguments.

Johansen based his opposition on a visit to Nicaragua last summer, and research done in preparation for it.

Cleary's premise is that the Central American country presents a threat to the national security of the United States. He quoted statements made by Nicaraguan leaders, including its president, Daniel Ortega, which support Marxist/Leninist governments. The Soviet Union and Cuba have supported a weapons build-up in Nicaragua since 1979, Cleary said.

Not only is the Nicaraguan government trying to destabilize neighboring countries, it also poses a threat to the United States in its capacity to cut off trade, and as a potential Soviet base, Cleary said.

In response, Johansen suggested envisioning the situation from the Nicaraguan point of view. He said the United States is seen as a neighbor 60 times the size of Nicaragua. The United States has 85 times the production capacity,

including goods, services and armaments; and it has invaded Nicaragua 15 times since 1850.

"It's as if there were a country 60 times the size of the United States who had poised its forces on the borders of Canada and Mexico, and was making incursions down both coasts," said Johansen.

Faced with this reality, the Nicaraguan government sees a real need for armaments, Johansen said. He acknowledged that Cuba is supplying them, but explained, "Cuba is doing nothing but providing an answer to what's been forced on them (the Nicaraguans) by the aid that's been provided to the contras by the U.S."

Johansen said the Sandinistas have no single ideology, but stand in the center of seven political parties in Nicaragua. As a whole, the government there resembles socialism more than that of the United States, said Johansen, but 70 percent of the country still operates on a free enterprise system.

Answering the charge that the United States has repeatedly invaded Nicaragua over the years, Cleary said he is not as interested in what has occurred in the past as he is the future. He added that interventions were made to supervise free elections, not to suppress the people of the country.

Cleary said Somoza was allowed to take over in Nicaragua in the '30s not because of support from this country, but rather because the United States, preoccupied with a depression, ignored the situation. But he added, "as the United States' influence increases in that area,

so does the general well-being and liberty of the people."

Responding to Johansen's statement about the Sandinistas' political position, Cleary said, "To say that the Sandinistas are in the center is to compare Trotsky to Lenin and Stalin. And it really doesn't do much for the people of Nicaragua who have to live under this type of oppression."

Cleary said since they have been in power, the Sandinistas have broken promises made to the people to hold free elections; repeatedly harassed the Catholic church; and violated human rights by torture and imprisonment.

He also pointed to their failed efforts to improve the poor economic situation. Militarization of a society, he said, does not create economic growth.

Summarizing, Cleary said, "It is very clear that these people are Communists; they have no regard for human rights; they seek to establish a Soviet base... and they are no more democratic than the Cubans... I don't think there's any way that we can remove them unless we support those who seek some sort of genuine reform."

Johansen, in response, said he was skeptical about reports of torture. He said in the past, some State Department reports were based solely on information from the CIA, which, he said, is "not a disinterested entity."

Johansen said Jaime Chamorro, head of the Nicaraguan newspaper *La Prensa*, told him

"U.S. aid for the contras is enabling the people within the Sandinistas... to justify their actions... and increasing support for that (the Sandinista) side of it."

"You don't influence a people by making war on them," Johansen said. What we should do he suggested, is send our money and influence down there and show them that our way is the way to follow.

The two men were later asked to comment on the Sandinista government's recent suspension of civil rights in the country.

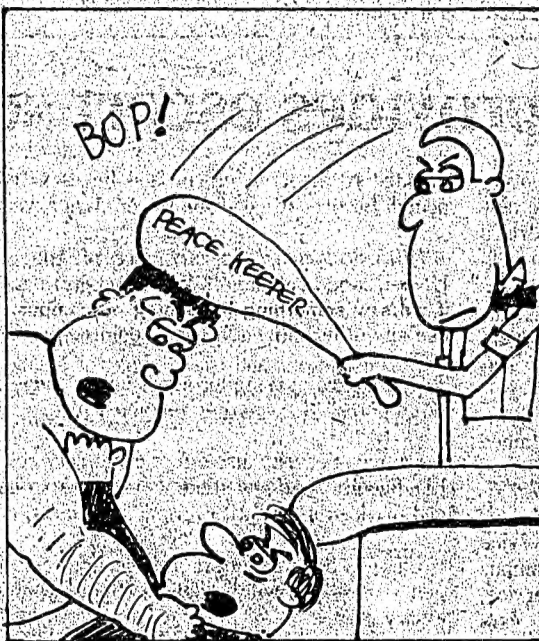
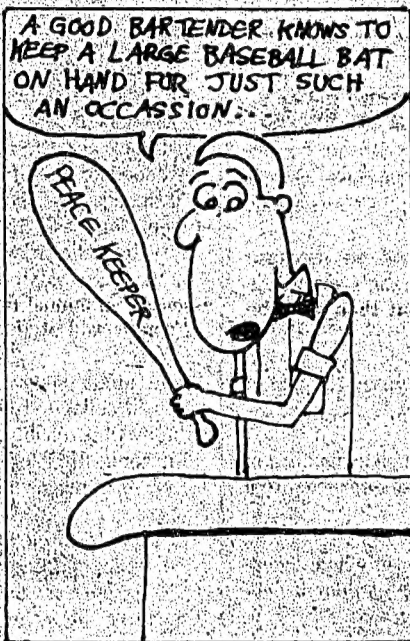
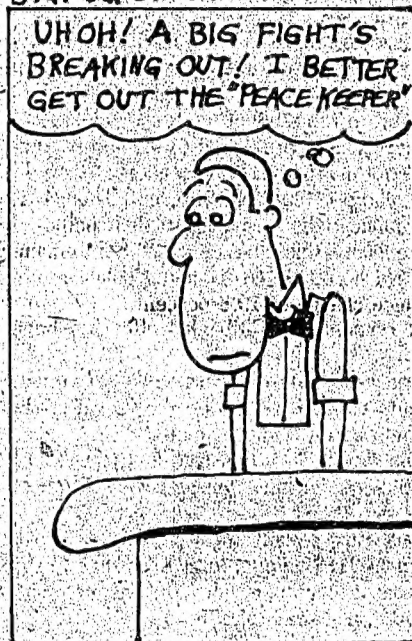
Cleary called the action "further evidence of the true nature of the Nicaraguan regime." He said he was not surprised by the move because the Ortega government has "always been planning and has exercised a totalitarian design."

He suggested that it was timed to coincide with Ortega's visit to the United States for the 40th anniversary of the United Nations.

Johansen said he wanted to know more about the situation. "They've done this before; they tend to do it when the internal situation gets tough," he said, adding, "This kind of action means war with the contras has become more intense."

He said he didn't think the government would take such a step if it didn't have "broad popular support." If the U.S. was threatened by a country 60 times its size, Johansen said, "I think you can bet there'd be certain restrictions imposed which, in our present state of affairs, we'd find intolerable."

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Lights out

Electrical power shutdowns will take place on various parts of the campus from 11 p.m. today until 7 a.m. tomorrow. Power will be shut off for as long as three hours in each of the main campus buildings and Annexes 1 through 14. During the shutdowns, electrical distribution gear will be inspected and repaired.

Is your marriage a fraud?

A panel discussion on "Marriage Fraud: Gaining U.S. Citizenship/Residency" will be held today at noon in the Student Center Ballroom.

Panelists include Omaha City Councilman Walter Calinger; L. Dahl Johnson, a practicing immigration attorney; David Paas, a UNO assistant professor of law and society; Sharon Emery, an advisor of international students at UNO; and Anneliese Anikputa, assistant director of the Women's Resource Center (WRC). The panel will discuss and answer questions about marriage fraud (marriage for the sole purpose of establishing U.S. residency or citizenship) and its implications. The discussion, sponsored by the WRC, is free.

Chinese workout

Classes in Tai Chi and revitalization will start Nov. 7. The \$30 class fee is due by Nov. 5. For more information about schedules or to register, stop by the Campus Recreation Office, HPER Building Room 100, or call Jim Fullerton, 554-2539.

Be an exhibitionist

A non-credit course for photographers called "For the Exhibitor" will be offered by the College of Continuing Studies beginning Nov. 16 at the Kiewit Conference Center, 1313 Farnam St. The course teaches photographers how to select photos for a show, how to make prints last, framing and matting techniques, exhibition design and how to store photos. A public exhibition of students' photos will be developed during the five-Saturday course. For more information or to register, call 554-2718.

Research aging

The Third National Forum on Research in Aging needs papers by students and faculty. The conference is sponsored by the University of Nebraska and will be held in Lincoln March 12 through 14, 1986. A \$100 cash prize will be awarded for the best student-written paper. For more information, call Gail Kara, 554-2272.

Trotting turkeys

The sixth annual Turkey Trot, a 3.1-mile race, will be held Nov. 9 at 10 a.m. in Memorial Park. Entry fee is \$5 through Nov. 8; \$6 the day of the race. All runners receive T-shirts. Awards will be given to first-place finishers in five age categories for both men and women.

Entry forms are available at the Campus Recreation Office, HPER Building Room 100.



Bravo!

The UNO Symphony Orchestra, made up of students and members of the community, will give a concert Nov. 3 in the Student Center Nebraska Room. The free concert includes C.P.E. Bach's (son of J.S. Bach) "Sinfonia in D Major," and works by Virgil Thompson, Brahms, and Bizet.

Don't forget to remember

— Flu shots are available to students in Health Services, Student Center Room 132, for \$5. No appointment is necessary.

— Campus Security offers a 24-hour escort service for students, faculty and staff. To get an escort, call 554-2648.

— Early Bird Swim hours began this week. The swimming pool in the HPER Building is open from 6:45 through 8 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Gymnastics for kids

Today is the deadline to sign your children up for "Growing into Gymnastics." Classes for children of UNO students, faculty and staff with valid activity cards, and Medical Center activity card holders, ages 4 through 12, will cost \$20 per student. Register in the Campus Recreation Office, HPER Building Room 100.

Budget update

The American Society of Women Accountants will hold an open meeting Nov. 20 at the Boston Sea Party, 1414 S. 72 St. State Sen. Ron Wilthem will give a legislative update at 7 p.m. Cash bar is open at 5:30 p.m. To make reservations, call Tammy, 346-9494, by Nov. 15 at noon.

Student art

The fall exhibition by UNO art students is on display now through Nov. 15 at the UNO Art Gallery, Annex 22. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Brown bag Noh

Demonstrations and explanations of Japanese Noh drama by visiting professor Kuniyoshi Munakata will be presented at the Kiewit Conference Center, 1313 Farnam St., Nov. 4 from noon to 1 p.m.



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Look at income tax

State Sen. Bill Harris is trying to get enough signatures on a petition to call another special session. If he's successful, the new special session would consider a bill raising the income-tax rate 1 percent.

I hope Harris succeeds. The financial situation in Nebraska warrants consideration of every possible way to raise revenue, including raising taxes, establishing a state lottery and cutting budgets. Under the conditions of the present special session, the Legislature is stuck with considering only a few items outside of budget cuts.

Budget cuts alone won't solve Nebraska's financial problems. In the case of the University of Nebraska (and perhaps in other cases as well), cutting budgets will cause more problems than it will solve.

If the university loses faculty, students, academic programs and entire colleges to budget cuts, saving a few million dollars won't mean anything. Once NU's academic reputation is gone, why would good students and faculty want to stay in Nebraska?

Right now, the Legislature can't look at many solutions to the budget problem. Some senators may want to look at different solutions, but their options are limited. Harris' petition, if successful, will open the door to at least one more option. If possible, other bills, such as Bernice Labeledz's proposal for a state lottery, should be placed on the Legislature's agenda.

Whether you support raising taxes or believe higher taxes should be avoided, the Legislature owes it to the people of Nebraska to at least consider it as one of many possible solutions to the budget crisis. Otherwise, we can't be sure that whatever comes out of the present special session is really in the best interests of the university—or the state.

—KAREN NELSON



Out of Context by Kevin Cole

I choose not to choose

Seemingly, at every turn of late, much ado has been made about exercising my freedom of choice.

I've been urged to use my freedom of choice voting on homecoming royalty and in the student elections, to sign petitions that are circulating to "Get Coke on campus," and even to express my choice for the eventual winner of "the Great Chili Cook Off" that takes place every Sunday until Nov. 17 at one of my favorite watering holes, The Underwood Bar.

Additionally, each new day brings other opportunities for me to add my precious input. For example, television sports shows want to know where I stand on every issue from the designated-hitter rule to whether Chicago Bears' Coach Mike Ditka should be disciplined by the NFL for his DWI arrest.

It's great to have a say, but I'll admit, I'm not always inclined or qualified to render a judgment. On some issues, I just flat like to sit the fence and enjoy watching the rest of the world scratch each other's eyes out.

Still, I would feel amiss (that's if she give me half a chance), if I didn't go ahead and loose my choices in these matters on an unsuspecting public.

Actually, if I'm to give this campus half-credit, you all probably do suspect and I should be looking over my shoulder for the little man in the cookie truck, equipped with a butterfly net. But here goes.

For homecoming royalty, I couldn't decide from any of the fine choices on the ballot, so I wrote in last year's winners, Robert Marble and Lori Novicki. But this time I reversed their roles out of courtesy to them so they wouldn't be bored if they won.

For the student elections, I backed I. R. Apathetic for Student President/Regent because I figured he was a shoo-in for the bulk of the student vote.

As to the "Get Coke," I can proudly say I was 100 percent behind that idea for our school until I found out my version of what we were

trying to acquire was radically different from what the organizers intended. And just when I thought someone had finally come up with the most truly exciting proposal since the days of Jonathan Swift.

To compound matters, the questions I really want a voice in deciding are always just beyond my boarding-house reach.

Questions like:

— Which beer should be on tap at the California Bar? Anything but that damn Meisterbrau they've got now would be acceptable.

— What band should be included on the Z-92 radio play-list? Here they are sitting on top of Lincoln's Charlie Burton, a band that puts all their Bryan Adams-Journey-Loverboy-Starship-crap to shame, and they don't have the balls to play it.

— Who should be the King and Queen of Ak-Sar-Ben? Just once, I'd like to see one of those railbirds, whose hard-lost racing bets built that porcelain palace, assume the throne.

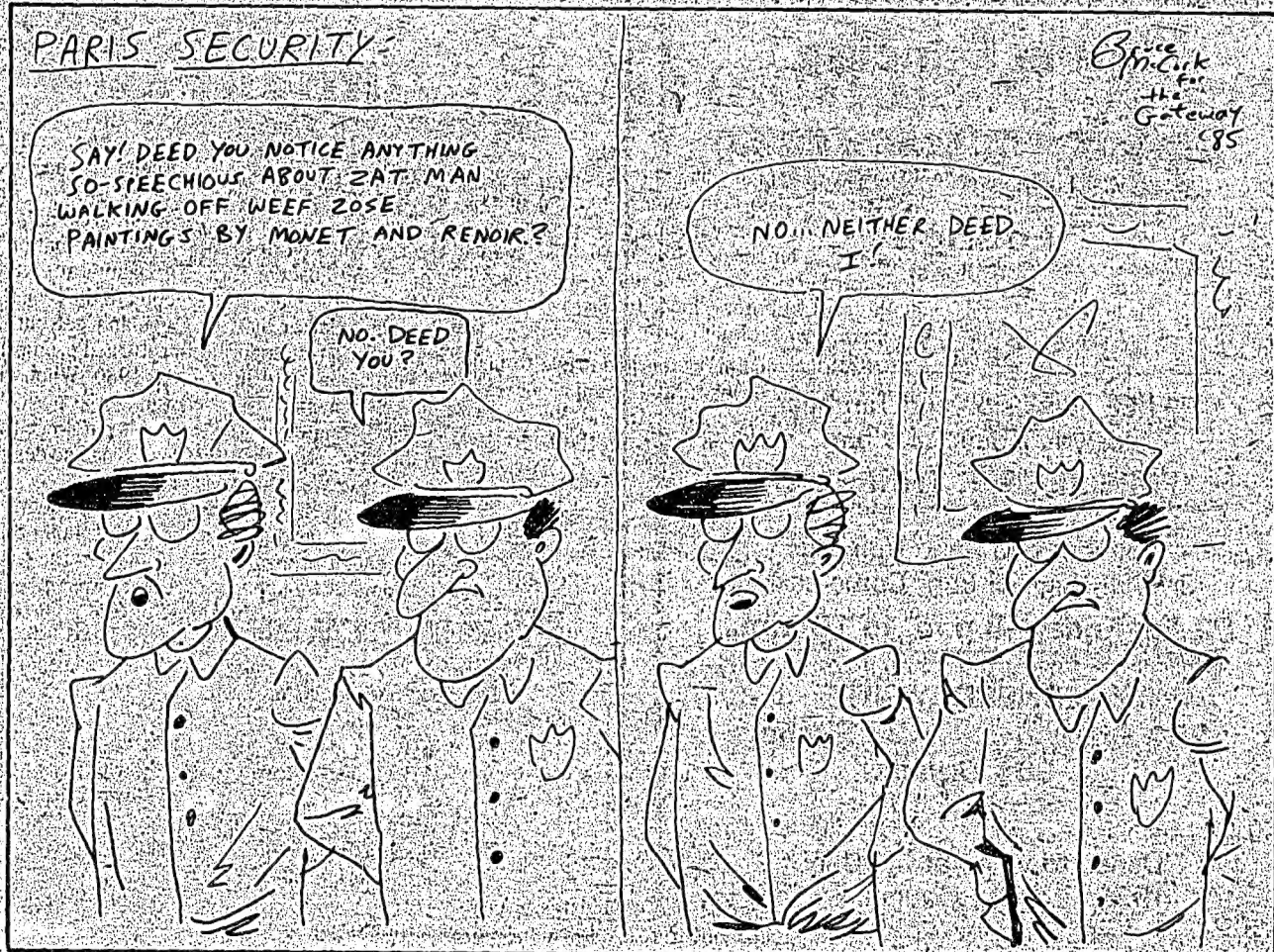
What portion of the state budget cuts should be leveled on UNO? Let's just shoulder the entire load and finish off this university once and for all. At least that way, I'd have a decent excuse for transferring to another school and becoming a pain in the ass to a whole new administration.

— What should be done with our fair campus after they university's demise? I, for one, believe we should turn the place into a giant replica of Hugh Hefner's Playboy Mansion West. The model could be "a touch of West Coast decadence within the Heartland."

We could charge \$150 a weekend per person. I nominate myself for Director of Perversions.

What can I say? You can see that this list is endless and that my choices will probably be forever ignored. However, there is one choice I can still influence.

The chili feed at the Underwood. It begins every Sunday at 3 p.m. and first prize is a ski trip to Breckenridge, Co. If you're planning on entering, look me up at the bar. For a few dozen beers, my vote just might be swayed.



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Op Ed

Here lies UNO, starved to death by legislative famine

It was a fine institution. It had been on the ropes from the start. In that respect it was a lot like those it served: hard-working, self-reliant, and often, during the hardest times, reluctantly but thankfully dependent on the kindness of friends for its very existence.

It served a purpose. It was an institution that offered a service many couldn't afford until it opened its doors. It didn't cater to the independently wealthy and their children, and from the outset it suffered because of it.

Because those who attended worked their way through, the institution was seen as somehow inferior to its peer institutions. The impression was widespread that those who attended it did so because they couldn't afford the alternatives... which was very often true right up to its demise.

But the logic was faulty: its detractors reasoned that, since the alternatives were more expensive, they were *better*, which was patently untrue.

While other institutions may have had finer trappings, none had finer or more dedicated personnel. That those who worked for the institution had more and better professional credentials than their fellows at many comparable institutions was a matter of record... the fact

that they maintained their standing under adverse economic conditions was even more remarkable.

What was harder to document was the value of the institution's service to those who, in many cases, paid for it with the sweat of their brows. Their desire to get they they paid for

Here lies the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Born — 1908; died — 1986, a victim of the legislative famine of 1986. You never know what you have 'til it's gone. Rest in peace

added to their commitment. It also added to their expectations of those who provided the service, and they were rarely disappointed.

But no one checked the record, and it was perhaps too much to ask that those who worked so hard, both outside and inside the institution, join the fight for the institution's continued existence.

In the end, the odds were stacked against it. In its later years, the institution was compelled to seek an alliance with older, more well-established institutions to survive. Its image paled beside the reputations of its new-found siblings reputations based largely on things unrelated to their avowed purposes.

As time went on, the "weak sister" found itself given short shift time and again when the life-sustaining funds were passed out.

Although it served the largest concentration of population in the area, it was isolated — both by geographical distance from the system's administrative center, and by suspicion of its urban nature on the part of those living in the vast, sparsely-populated and overwhelmingly rural area served by its "big brother."

It didn't give up without a fight. What little fat it had garnered in better times, it lost. Services once seen as essential were sacrificed... bit by bit it whittled itself down to satisfy those who held the purse strings. But the purse was shrinking, and those who held it were getting nervous.

The economy of that vast rural area was shaky, and no help was forthcoming. So it was that the institution found its fate tied to an agrarian economy that, over the years, had come to have less and less to do with the urban,

service-oriented area the institution served.

It was too late. Despite the unique character of the institution and those it served, it had cast its lot with the rest of the state. There was little doubt which sibling would get the needed money to survive... "weak sisters" may sometimes be spared from compassion, but there was no love lost between these rivals in the competition for the state's parental attention, and no real love existed between the state and its adopted daughter to begin with.

And so finally, perhaps inevitably, we pay our last respects to the University of Nebraska at Omaha, formerly Omaha University... after 78 years of service to the community, starved to death by the legislative famine of 1986.

"Weak Sister," "Puny Muni," "West Dodge High"; it was called a lot of names, but it was never anything but a university for those who wanted a good education and were willing to work for it. Cliches are numerous and far too easy to use when talking about the dead, but in this case one cliché is particularly appropriate, and just might serve as a fitting epitaph.

You never know what you have 'til it's gone.

It is my devout wish that this eulogy is never delivered. It is my profound fear that the grave site has already been selected.

—DAN PRESCHER

This grand era is too good to last — thank goodness

Washington — Attribute it, if you will, to my libido for blasphemy, but I am in the grip of an unaccountable urge to celebrate America's present condition. Face up to it. These are grand days. The economy is sound. The Republic is at peace. Longevity is up. Crime has dipped. Happy days are, as the song has it, here again.

Yes, I recognize that people are dying of mysterious and uncomfortable diseases. I also remember the recent hurricane that hit the East. New York's present drought is, admittedly, nothing to wink at — especially if, like me, you use water as a chaser and for the bath. But under the serene reign of our genial president things are as good today as they have been in years. During 1980 and even later the pollsters will tell you that they could always spot large percentages of the *popolo minuto* vexed by one or another grave threat, say, inflation or recession. Today only small slivers of the population worry, and by past standards these worries are piffles. In fact, Dr. Karl O'Lessker, the eminent social scientist, speaks of the "everything causes cancer syndrome," by which he means the American people no longer panic when carcinogens are hypothesized — they have come to the conclusion that "everything causes cancer," and so what?

Presumably the people have heard it all before. Presumably all those failed prophecies of the 1970s, predicting that our rivers would soon burst into flame, that smog would become so poisonous that urbanites would have to wear gas masks, that the earth's last drop of petroleum would be wrung from its well sometime in 1985 — all have finally had their effect. The average American is coming to realize that the doomsayers exploited the public. Either that or the average American has been so scared by these false prophets that he can be scared no more. The looming stock market crash, the impending rise of the sea level, the invasion of the armored isetse fly no longer worry

him. And occasionally such claptrap predictions make him laugh. He knows that for most Americans times are good and may become even better. More than 60 percent of the American people are so content that they flow with benign sentiments for their president, notwithstanding the admonitions of Anthony Lewis and Yasser Arafat.

Mindful of the comparatively dreadful conditions through

The sunny disposition of the average American is reasonable and even enlightened. It is the grim and perpetually apprehensive grumbler who is benighted and irrational. Would he rather live in Ethiopia or 15th century Transylvania under Vlad the Impaler?

which mankind has slogged in centuries past and, for that matter, mindful of conditions in other countries at this very hour, the sunny disposition of the average American is reasonable and even enlightened. It is the grim and perpetually apprehensive grumbler in our midst who is benighted and irrational. Would he rather live in Ethiopia or Albania or 15th century Transylvania under Vlad the Impaler?

Fortunately today's grumblers compose but a minority. Unfortunately that minority is influential. It dominates the media and it dominates the universities, where the only reliable op-

position to the grumblers comes from athletic departments whose athletes know the joy of earning a decent wage and are often so full of vigor-inducing drugs that they might not care if the gloomy profs' horrible prophecies come true.

Of course, our president's good fortune and the good fortune in which the Republic now reposes merely increased the gloom and foreboding of those who wall and sway in the liberal pews. They need something to give wings to their spirits. They need glad tidings.

What can we come up with? How about the Reagan administration's failure to reduce the number of hard-core poor? Under the Reagan administration more people than ever have jobs, but the very poor remain untouched by the Reagan prosperity. That should please his opponents, though the principal reason that the poor remain poor is that the administration still follows welfare policies of the past. When Jesus declared, "The poor you have with you always," he may well have had in mind AFDC, food stamps, and all the other enervating programs of our welfare state.

What about crime? Crime may be declining somewhat now, but surely the decline cannot last. There are growing numbers of prosperous Americans out there to victimize. What is more, experts such as James O. Wilson and Richard Herrnstein posit a criminal personality whose character traits are curiously reminiscent of the below-average Yuppie, the devotee of the health spas, singles bars, and other Me Decade enthusiasms. When these people realize their potential, crime will increase.

So relax, doomsayers. This is one of the few periods in recent American history in which the theme is tranquility. And, best of all, it cannot last.

—R. EMMETT TYRRELL, JR.

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Is Iowa trying to weed Bush from GOP campaigns?

Washington — Having just returned from China, Vice President George Bush is preparing a mission to another foreign climate; he will make a speech next month on behalf of the Republican governor of Iowa, a state in which the administration's farm policies are widely unpopular.

Although the state's economy is in a depression, the White House has emphasized the president's intent to veto any farm bill that seems too generous rather than extending sympathy and understanding to the farmers and lending institutions in financial trouble. This has put the state's Republicans on the spot.

Gov. Terry Branstad recently said he wouldn't invite Reagan to campaign for him next year. The GOP's fourth chairman in five years resigned recently after a local election debacle. The party's executive director has sent around a memo warning local GOP candidates to "distance" themselves from the administration. GOP senator Charles Grassley, up for re-election, manages to stay popular mostly by attacking the president regularly.

But Bush is going to venture into this rural political jungle because he figures he must. Iowa will hold the first presidential caucuses in the nation in 1988, when he hopes to be nominated as Reagan's successor.

Bush used to be welcome in Iowa. He won

the GOP Iowa caucus against Ronald Reagan in 1980, although it was all downhill for him after that. He will, however, be making his appearance Nov. 16 and 17 to raise money for Branstad's re-election campaign shortly after the congressional farm bill vote. The administration's position that there is little the federal government should do to help farmers will be fresh in the voters' minds.

Democrats are planning to greet Bush with a flock of white crosses, each one symbolizing a newly bankrupt farmer. Whether Bush sticks to his traditional blanket defense of administration policies, tries to finesse the problem with vague platitudes or actually hints at differences with Reagan's farm program could influence his presidential prospects.

Rural folk tend to have long memories. At the moment Bush is not directly blamed for setting current agriculture policy. But if the voters there get an indelible idea that he isn't on their side during this dark economic hour, down on the farm, he can kiss the 1988 Iowa caucuses good-bye.

Bush's China trip, by the way, was mostly judged a success, but he was forced to endure one inconvenience: The Chinese refused to let him ride around in his own heavy-security but comfortable limousine. They insisted he ride in

a Chinese state-owned car instead.

The vice president, like the president, usually arrives in a foreign country accompanied by a back-up airplane carrying two special bullet-proof U.S. limousines. But, to the dismay of the Secret Service, the Chinese refused to permit the cars to enter China. It was a matter, said the Chinese, of national pride.

Instead, Bush and his entourage drove to his official appearances in sturdy but unprepossessing Soviet-built automobiles. He did, however, get to fly the American flag from the hood.

At a White House briefing, one of those familiar, knowledgeable-but-supposedly-anonymous officials told reporters that the president would consult with the leaders of the economic summit during his New York visit marking the 40th anniversary of the United Nations. He said Reagan would join them for a meeting and a stag dinner.

He was promptly asked if this meant that British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher rated the business meeting but not a place at the dinner table. "That was a poor choice of words... I should have said 'principals,'" the spokesman conceded.

Some defeated presidential candidates return in political unemployment to their roots and

some prefer to remain in Washington, even if driving by on Pennsylvania Avenue is the closest they can get to the White House.

The 1972 Democratic presidential candidate, George McGovern, stayed on in the nation's capital and abandoned South Dakota after the state defeated him for re-election to the Senate. President Carter, however, couldn't get out of Washington fast enough and returned promptly to Plains, Ga., after his loss in 1980. When his wife, Rosalynn, was rumored as a possible Georgia Senate candidate, friends put down the reports by noting that the Carters had no desire to go near Washington ever again.

Now Walter Mondale has closed the door on his long Minnesota connection, confirming that he intends to remain in the shadow of the Capitol dome. Although his home state was the only one he carried in his 1984 presidential bid, Mondale has severed his ties by selling his home there in a St. Paul suburb for a reported \$230,000.

In fact, the Mondales decided to sell the house almost immediately following his defeat. He and his wife Joan prefer the District of Columbia house in which they lived during his years as a Minnesota senator. It is only a few blocks from the official mansion that was their home during his vice presidency.

—MARIANNE MEANS

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Weekend Wire . . .

'Fables' is unretouched REM in all its rough cut glory

When a rock band that has been hailed as "a leader in the revival of American rock" goes to London to make an album, shouldn't we expect to find the imprint of European influences on the album?

According to Peter Buck, guitarist for R.E.M., not in their case. (R.E.M., incidentally, stands for Rapid Eye Movement.)

"It's not a startling departure, but a widening out of what we do naturally," Buck said. "Basically, we added a string section and horns."

R.E.M. will give fans a chance to judge for themselves when they appear Tuesday in the Music Hall. Along with songs from their first two albums and single releases, the band will perform much of their latest offering, *Fables Of The Reconstruction*.

Review

Since the band formed in Athens, Ga., in 1980, R.E.M. has striven to "keep the music real loose and spontaneous," Buck said in a telephone interview from Athens.

The band is working for the first time with producer Joe Boyd, a veteran of folk-rock groups like Incredible String Band and Freeport Convention. And R.E.M. has added smoothness and texture to its musical repertoire.

Songs like "Can't Get There From Here" and "Wendell Gee" are examples of the band's "natural widening."

"Can't Get There From Here" features a horn section that subtly mocks the big-band sound. In "Wendell Gee," R.E.M. tells the story of a country oddball by striking a folksy vein.

For the most part *Fables* is unretouched R.E.M. in all its rough-cut glory. Vocalist Mike Stipes still sings, as one critic said, "like the Marlon Brando of post-punk." But his enunciation has improved noticeably, as if he has been taking lessons from a new drama teacher.

Drummer Bill Barry still conveys a restlessness with his pummeling bass drum on "Feeling Gravity." Combined with Mike Mills' ascending bass line, the same aural feel of the *Murmur* album is recreated.

For those of you who have forgotten, *Murmur* was the album



REM band members from left: Peter Buck, Bill Berry, Mike Mills and Michael Stipe.

that vaulted R.E.M. into the public eye after being voted the Album of the Year by *Rolling Stone* in 1983.

That debut album was followed up by *Reckoning* last year.

Former *Gateway* columnist Kenny Williams said in this space of *Reckoning*, "It's an album of decidedly upbeat, skipping-tempo tunes that uses craftily-layered guitar work to produce driving, spritful songs. It's full of energy that borders on the Go-Gos with their wind-in-your-face attitudes."

Of course we can't be sure what outside influences prompted Ken-o's flowery prose, but suffice it to say *Reckoning* picked up where the highly acclaimed *Murmurs* left off. *Fables* does nothing to hurt the band's image either.

That is probably because R.E.M. has always had a steady idea of where it is going and how it wants to get there.

"My biggest goal isn't to be No. 1," Stipes said in an interview in *Calendar* magazine. "It's to be able to think 10 years from now I'll be able to listen to our third album and not be embarrassed by it."

After listening to *Fables*, I can assure Stipes, he won't be.

Tickets for R.E.M. are selling briskly at \$12.75 in advance. Tickets will be \$13.75 the day of the show.

The opening act is 10,000 Maniacs. They've just released an album on Elektra Record entitled *The Wishing Chair*.

—KEVIN COLE

Poet laureate contest 'original stair to obscurity'

By CHARLOTTE GREENWOOD

No doubt about it. Obscurity is becoming a trend.

A few years ago, the annual Search for UNO's Poet Laureate made obscurity fashionable. People who used to be embarrassed about being obscure came out of the closet and sent their poems to *The Gateway* in hopes of more obscurity.

Now, even the sports department is getting into the act. From there, who knows? Next thing you know, obscurity will become the hottest trend around, right up there with punk haircuts, Yuppies and crossiants. Of course,

once someone puts out a magazine and a video devoted to the art of obscurity, the party will be over and people will have to try to be famous again if they want to be different.

In the meantime, be one step ahead of the trend and enter the *original* stairway to obscurity — The Fourth Annual Search for UNO's Poet Laureate.

This is your chance to comment on anything from budget cuts to homecoming royalty to midterms, show the world you have a sense of humor and contribute to the culture level of the campus all at the same time. If you win, you are the lucky recipient of total obscurity for a year, just like all those other starving poets.

(Just remember, you're suffering for art!)

If you think you're deserving of poetic obscurity, here's how you do it:

- 1: Anyone is eligible to enter. Poetic talent is purely optional.
- 2: Poems can be up to one typed-page long — but each line must be 50 typed characters long and double-spaced. (Double-space twice between stanzas.) I'll only consider the first page of longer works.
- 3: Keep a copy of your work, as no poems will be returned.
- 4: The poems can be about any subject, as long as it relates to UNO in some way. I'll take creative justifications into consideration if your

poem doesn't obviously relate to UNO.

5: Deadline for all entries will be Nov. 15, 3 p.m. Winning poems will be published in the Nov. 22 issue of *The Gateway*.

6: All poems should be signed with your real name, a pseudonym should you choose to use one, and a phone number where we can reach you in case you win.

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Health Notes

Exercising for your life

Exercise. Most everyone will say that it's "good for you." Many may even tell you it's an essential component of being fit.

It's everywhere. People jogging down sidewalks, women, and an increasing number of men, flocking to aerobic dance classes, and other types of exercise classes are cropping up everywhere.

Fitness and health clubs have moved into the limelight, along with television exercise programs. Even home videos can be purchased to help the unfit person become the epitome of vim and vigor.

Is this just another phase, fad, or fallacy grabbing Americans? What can exercise really do for a person?

Leon H. Rottmann, Ph.D., lists several ways exercise can be a benefit to you. It:

- firms flabby muscles.
- produces beneficial changes in the functioning of internal organs (especially the heart, lungs, and circulatory system).
- increases joint flexibility.
- reduces minor aches, pains, stiffness, and soreness.
- aids weight control.
- corrects curable posture defects.
- improves general appearance.
- improves ability to relax and to voluntarily reduce tension.
- increases strength, endurance, and coordination.
- reduces chronic fatigue.
- increases energy level.
- makes studying and other activities less tiring.

Rottmann stresses that the exercise a person chooses should be fun, and fit that individual's needs.

There are three general types of exercises: warm-up, conditioning, and circulatory.

Warm-up exercises should always be used before any type of

exercise. These are stretching movements that limber up the muscles and prepare the body for greater exertion. They help reduce unnecessary strain.

However, studies show there are some "traditional" stretching exercises that can do more harm to your body than good.

Therefore, it's best to seek out a competent exercise specialist or instructor for guidance.

Conditioning exercises help tone up major muscles. There are basically two kinds of conditioning exercises — isometric and isotonic.

Isometric exercises are strength-building activities which do not involve actual body movement. Muscular groups are pitted against one another or against unyielding objects.

However, since limited movement is involved, isometrics may provide little strength development and may even limit joint range-of-motion in particular cases. Therefore, some experts do not recommend these types of exercises.

On the other hand, isotonic exercises are strength-building exercises which do require using muscles through a full range of motion.

Activities such as weight lifting, sit-ups, and push-ups are all examples of isotonic exercises. This kind of strengthening is important in maintaining body portions, muscle mass, and sound posture. Most experts encourage these activities.

Circulatory exercises are commonly referred to as aerobic exercise. These exercises include vigorous activities which produce contractions of large muscle groups for longer periods than the conditioning exercises.

This stimulates the circulatory and respiratory systems — the heart, lungs, and blood vessels — which help the body process oxygen.

Aerobic exercises include running, jogging, bicycle riding, swimming, fast walking, jumping rope, and roller skating. The key is continuous activity without rest periods during the entire time of exercise.

Such aerobic activities help increase blood flow and help lungs process more air with less effort — thus, strengthening the heart and increasing endurance capacity.

Without these significant increases the body's vital systems, "cardiovascular fitness" cannot occur.

Dr. Kenneth Cooper, widely-known for the development of aerobics, says a person must aerobically exercise 20 to 30 minutes a day, three times a week, to be aerobically fit.

In addition, this exercise must elevate the pulse rate to an appropriate level, or training and strengthening of the heart and lungs may not be taking place.

Aerobic, or circulatory exercises should be combined with conditioning exercises, and definitely preceded by warm-up exercises.

A cool-down period after intense exercise should also be included.

It's also wise to check with a physician before starting an exercise program.

Begin exercising gradually. The body needs time to adjust to unaccustomed levels of activity.

Once a certain level of exercise is mastered, a more demanding regimen may be attempted.

Don't give up — remember: *If you will form the habit of taking such exercises, you will see what mighty shoulders you develop, what sinews, what vigor.*

—Epictetus

—JOAN ELEDGE

Go ahead, use a cliché and make my day!

By MARCIA GAWECKI

Most of us can't get through the day without using a cliché. They sprout up in conversation, advertisements, music and even on college term papers.

Webster defines cliché as, "A sentence or phrase, usually expressing a common thought, that has lost its originality and impact by long overuse."

"You've got to remember that the cliché was once a good expression. Snow-capped mountains and bellowing smoke were once serious descriptions. Just when it was overused, it became a cliché," said Bob Reilly, UNO communications professor.

Reilly suggests that his students avoid clichés if they can express their thoughts more originally. "If you are striving to describe without clichés, write like a child who's seeing it for the first time," he said.

Warren Francke, professor of journalism, said that there isn't a problem with his news-writing students using clichés. "Most of the clichés show up in sports writing. Rich Thiesfeld from Channel 6 did a humorous end-of-the-season wrap-up on all the clichés that coaches and sports writers use," said Francke.

"My favorite cliché is often used at the end of a major criminal trial when the judge is reading the verdict and they say that the defendant 'showed no emotion.' What a disappointment! You'd expect him to kick up his heels or rush the bench or do something but 'show no emotion,'" said Francke.

For those students and professors who have never uttered or written a cliché, here's your chance to swallow your pride, eat crow and grin and bear it:

One bright sunny day, Joe Stud woke up at the crack of dawn on the wrong side of the bed and felt like hell.

Last night, he really tied one on. He had gone out with the boys, got hammered, wasted and down-right stinking drunk.

He rolled out of bed and walked into the bathroom to get rid of his cotton-mouth. Before he hit the hay last night, he remembered praying to the porcelain god, blowing his oats and looking a little green around the gills.

This morning wasn't much better. Squinting through bloodshot eyes, he caught a glimpse of the face only a mother could love. He shook his head and bounded downstairs for the most important meal of the day. He was hungry as a horse and ready to pig-out.

Suddenly, he realized he wasn't alone with his thoughts. Dogging his heels was man's best friend, Rover. Rover understood hangovers and kept his distance.

He also knew about girls, but didn't want to let it slip to Joe. He wasn't the kiss-and-tell type.

Rover gave Joe the sign that it was meal time and sunk his teeth into Joe's kneecap. You could've heard the yell a mile away! Naturally, Joe got the hint and handed him the goods.

Joe decided that a little hair-of-the-dog that bit him would do him a world of good. So he poured a foaming brew down the hatch.

Before long, his eyes were watering, his nose running, his head spinning and there was no end in sight.

So he did the only thing that any red-blooded American boy would do in his shoes: he couldn't

stand the heat, so he got out of the kitchen.

Grabbing his hat and coat, he decided to hit the road. He gunned the engine and peeled out of sight. Today wasn't his lucky day, because it was bumper-to-bumper all the way to the U.

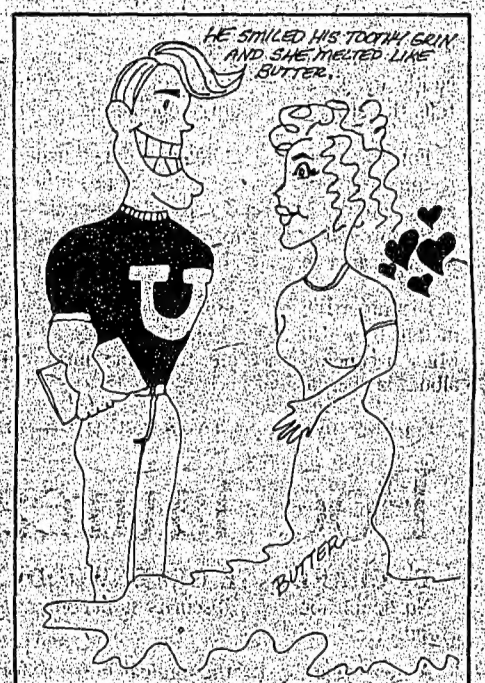
Once at class, Joe ran into his old buddy, Roger, who asked him if he hit the books last night. Realizing he had just put his foot in his mouth, Roger bit his tongue. Joe wouldn't touch a book with a 10-foot pole, even if his life depended on it.

Realizing he had spaced-off the exam, Joe was fit to be tied. He made a mental note to drown his sorrows later.

"On second thought, I won't have to lift a finger to pass this exam. It'll be like taking candy from a baby," Joe thought.

Sitting next to him with a body that just wouldn't quit was Mary Lou, a bleached-blond. "She was a looker, all right," Joe thought, "but she had something upstairs to boot."

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Sports

Mavs seek revenge behind powerful rushing attack

By ERIC OLSON

It used to be UNO had one of the most vaunted passing attacks in the North Central Conference (NCC). Now the Mavericks have a powerful running game.

"This year we've gradually improved each week running the ball," UNO coach Sandy Buda said. "It's consistently improved."

That was evident last Saturday, when the Mavs rushed for 377 yards in a 38-14 victory over Northern Colorado. Leading the way for UNO was sophomore Steye Sliva, who ran for 197 yards and scored four touchdowns. That performance earned the 6-foot, 190-pounder from Columbus, Neb., a share of the NCC player of the week award. South Dakota State's Phil Sonnek, the other honored NCC player, ran for 268 yards on 40 carries as the Jackrabbits topped Augustana 31-19.

The Mavs, 3-3 in the NCC and 5-3 overall, will see a better rushing game than theirs this Saturday night, however. North Dakota State, UNO's foe in the 7:30 p.m. game at Caniglia Field, is ranked second in rushing in NCAA Division II.

The Bison, 4-1-1 and 5-2-1, used their powerful running game to earn an 18-18 tie with Morningside last Saturday. Chad Stark raced 37 yards for a touchdown and James Molstre scored on a two-point conversion to lead North Dakota State's fourth-quarter comeback.

Stark is the team's leading rusher with 688 yards on 106 carries (6.5-yard average) and seven touchdowns. Molstre has 398 yards on 79 attempts (5.0 average) and two TDs.

The Bison offense played the last two games

without junior quarterback Jeff Bentrim, the team's leading scorer. He separated a shoulder two weeks ago and is listed as "very doubtful" for tomorrow's game.

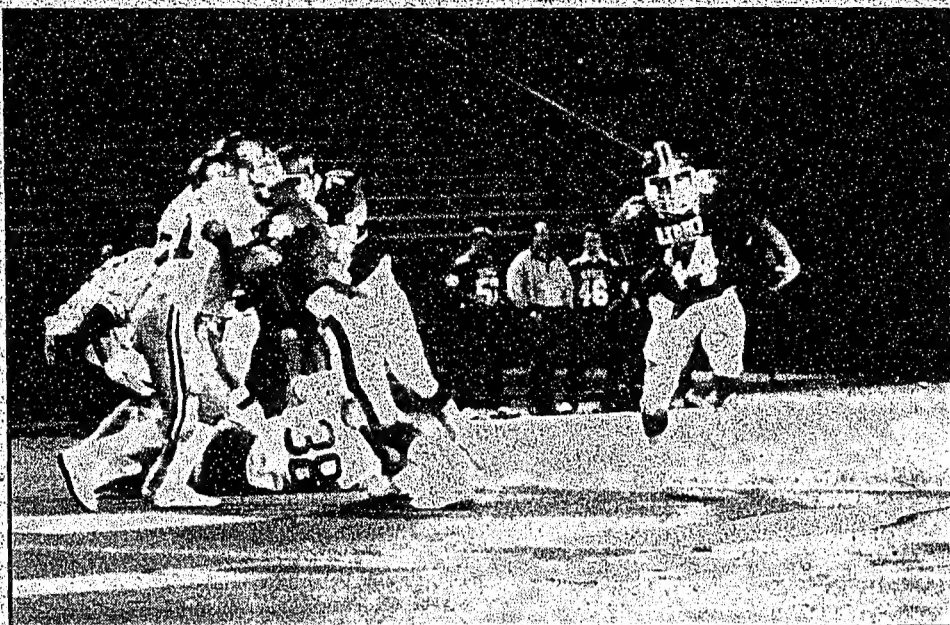
"We'll go ahead and prepare for North Dakota State just as if Bentrim will be playing," Buda said. "We will have to play our best game by far."

The Mavs may be seeking revenge in the game. North Dakota State shared the NCC title with UNO last season and went on to oust the Mavs in the Division II playoffs. The Bison eventually lost to Troy (Ala.) State in the championship game.

North Dakota State runs a triple-option offense, and, with Bentrim at quarterback, averaged 301 yards a game rushing. Before Bentrim was sidelined, he was the Division II scoring leader, averaging 15.3 points a game. He has rushed for 694 yards and 16 touchdowns on 131 carries and has passed for three TDs. Bentrim set a NCC record for most touchdowns in a career (30) and most points in a career (180).

The Bison defense isn't bad, either, giving up about 17 points each game. The North Dakota State losses have been to nationally-ranked teams — Northern Michigan, Cal Poly, and South Dakota. "They haven't been playing bad at all," Buda said. "The tie with Morningside was with a team that may be the most underrated in the conference."

While the Bison were involved in a humdinger at Morningside, the Mavs were cruising to victory against Northern Colorado. UNO's 377 yards in rushing was just 23 short of the



—Polidoros C. Pserros

UNO's Steve Sliva (No. 44) finds nothing but open field in front of him en route to a 54-yard touchdown.

school's one game record of 400 set against Fort Hays State in 1969.

Sophomore corner back Tom Hoffman was UNO's defensive player of the week after making 12 tackles — eight solo and four unassisted. He also broke up two passes and forced a fumble.

Senior center Jerry Kripal, whom Buda praised for good blocking, was nominated for the

offensive award for the eighth straight week. "He's the best center we've had since I've been here," Buda said. "He's an all-conference player if I ever saw one."

UNO came out of the Northern Colorado game with no serious injuries. Linebacker Steve Hoy, who missed last Saturday's game with the flu, and defensive back Harley DeHart, out with a knee injury, returned to practice this week.

Volleyball has a language of its own

By POLIDOROS C. PSERROS

The UNO Invitational Volleyball Tournament begins Friday at 4 p.m. in the Fieldhouse, and should give spectators a chance to see some of the best NCAA Division II teams in the region. The competition includes UNO, Central Missouri State, St. Cloud State, North Dakota State, Northwest Missouri State, Minnesota-Duluth, and Missouri-St. Louis.

The game UNO and its opponent play is technically called "power volleyball," in contrast to recreational volleyball. Power volleyball requires a higher level of organization and strategy, and a much higher skill level. Like most team sports, it has sophisticated offenses and defenses. It has similarities, at times, to tennis, table tennis, baseball, football, and basketball. But it is different. Like most team sports, it requires teamwork, sacrifices and pain. Its language is typical of most sports. It is the language of war.

The Gateway has decided to provide readers (and the uninitiated watcher of volleyball) with a glossary of the sport.

Attack: Any time a ball is hit across the net from a point at or above the net it is an "attack." If the ball is not returned, the attack is a "kill" for the offensive player. If the offensive

player hits the ball and the hit directly results in a point or a side-out (loss of serve), the attack becomes an error.

Statistics are kept as total attacks (TA), kills (K) and errors (E). The hitting percentage (PCT) is K-E divided by TA. For example, 5 TA, 4K and 0 E yields a PCT of .800. (The defense successfully defended one attack and play went on.) However, 5 TA, 4 K and 1 E yields a PCT of .600. The hitter is penalized for the error.

Block: The attempt by one or more players to stop the attack at the net. Blocks that lead to points or sideouts are recorded. Blocks by one player are called solo blocks or block solos (BS). When an attack is blocked by more than one individual, each player gets credit for a block assist (BA). After 32 matches, Kathy Knudsen leads UNO with 20 BS followed by Lisa Lyons and Lori Schutte who each have 15. Lyons with 95, Knudsen with 94 and Schutte with 87 lead UNO in BA.

Cover: The defensive term which describes the scheme where players defend an area of a court or are positioned behind the spiker (or attacker) or behind the blocker.

Dig: Describes the technique designed to 1) prevent the ball from hitting the floor causing an opponent's point or sideout

and 2) passing it to a teammate. Digs (DG) are the usual measurement of defensive skill. Allie Nuzum leads UNO with 202 DG.

Dimensions: The half court is 29 feet, 6 inches square. The attack area is 9 feet, 10 inches long. The net, for women, is 7 feet, 4-and-a-quarter inches from the floor.

Dink, dump or tip: Most attacks are hit with the maximum effort and can range from 90 to 100 miles per hour. The tip is a soft change of pace. It is usually directed to an open area away from the block. At the NCC tournament last fall, hitter Regina Rule, a basher, surprised everyone by tapping in several winners. The tip is always a crowd-pleaser.

Errors: Besides hitting errors, several other errors or negatives are recorded. Service error (SE), return error (on an opponent's serve), (RE), blocking error (BE) and ball handling error (which means a pass or set attempt error) (BHE) are the common negatives.

In dual matches, three games out of five win. In tournaments, two out of three win. Games go to 15 points.

Outside hitter: Positioned outside the court on the front

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Dictionary of volleyball terms makes reading easier

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row where the attack can usually be made either angle (cross-court) or line. Hitters can usually see the defense respond before hitting and can often beat the block on sheer quickness.

Passing: UNO assistant coach Susie Homan said most volleyball statistics are nice, but a good way to find out how you play is to look at passing statistics. These stats are not required by the NCAA. UNO records its own. UNO records each opponent serve hit to UNO and how the UNO player responded. Players are given zero points for a receiving error to four points for a perfect pass. Players are required to cover a spot about four-by-four feet to the right of the midpoint of the net. The setter moves to that spot expecting the pass. If the pass is

there, the setter can properly set a hitter and the opponent's serving advantage is blunted. Kruger likes a setting average of 3 to 3.2. When she gets that, she figures UNO will win.

Serve: Initiating the point gives the serving team the advantage. It is the only hit that can be manipulated. A floater serve, which most of the Lady Mavs use, has little or no spin and moves according to wind currents in a gym. It pitches and flows and sometimes dies.

Kruger likes players to take chances because the more difficult the serve, the best chance of forcing an error. But she goes nuts at repeat service errors. Service errors blunt attacks and kill threats. "Serving your way back into the game" is not an uncommon quote.

Set: Kruger said teams win games by how well they serve,

how well they pass, and who is the setter. "A setter can make the hitters better or worse," Kruger likes to say.

The set is the key in determining what kind of advantage the hitter has over the blockers. There are four types of sets numbered 1-4. The one set is 2 quick set. The two-set is higher. Three and four sets are less common, and longer sets.

The setter in a 5-1 offense plays the entire rotation and sets from the back row and from the front row. The set is always made in the attacking zone.

The setter in a 6-2 always sets from the back row. UNO runs the 5-1 with Angie Oswald. It is the setter's responsibility to see the block, determine the proper attack, and set the hitter the way the hitter likes it, Kruger said. She has only seconds to determine this.

College and Pro Picks

by Eric Lindwall

Last week, Eric hit 92 percent of his college predictions, missing only two games. For the season, his overall average stands at 73 percent.

Do you believe in miracles?

Last Sunday, the Kansas City Royals became the first team in baseball history to win the World Series after losing the first two games at home. Although many ball clubs played better during the regular season and finished with better records, the Royals won when they had to; coming back from 3-1 deficits in both the American League championship series and the

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Iowa 28-14.

World Series. While probably not miraculous, the Royals of '85 truly deserve to be ranked as one of the most amazing teams in the history of baseball.

The following is a look at this week's football games:

Florida at Auburn — Bo Jackson can solidify his claim to this year's Heisman trophy with a strong performance tomorrow. The Florida defense might have something to say about that.

Watch for the second-ranked Gators to shut down Jackson and the Tigers in this SEC matchup. Florida appears to have the more balanced team and should prevail tomorrow. Flor-

ida 27-24.

Iowa at Ohio St. — Iowa's Chuck Long is clearly the best quarterback in college football today. This has caused many to overlook the stingy Hawkeye defense. In seven games this year, Iowa has given up an average of only 12 points each game. Look for the Hawkeyes to stop Ohio State's powerful running game and give Long ample opportunity to showcase his talents. Iowa 28-14.

Boston College at Penn State — While B.C. was riding high behind the arm of Doug Flutie last year, Joe Paterno's troops were suffering through an uncharacteristically poor season.

The tables are turned this year, however. Penn St. is undefeated and Flutieless B.C. is 3-6 and in the midst of a three game losing streak. Penn State all the way. 27-6.

Other games this week include: Notre Dame 31, Navy 16; Pittsburgh 24, Syracuse 17; Minnesota 28, Michigan St. 21; Clemson 27, Wake

Some fans in Kansas City have taken to calling their football team "the Cheaps." This really isn't fair considering they won three games this year. Kansas City 27-21.

Forest 21; Oklahoma St. 31; Colorado 24; SMU 21; Texas A&M 17; Georgia 28; Tulane 10; Michigan 31; Illinois 14; Oklahoma 27; Kansas 24; Texas 24; Texas Tech 10; Wisconsin 34; Indiana 14; Missouri 31; Iowa St. 21; Alabama 21; Mississippi 3; LSU 28; Mississippi 13; Air

Force 35; San Diego St. 14; Miami 34; Florida St. 28; BYU 43; Wyoming 10; Houston 24; TCU 14; Arkansas 27; Rice 9; Washington 31; Stanford 13; USC 28; Washington St. 10; Hawaii 24; Colorado St. 14; Nebraska 56; Kansas St. 10; and UNO 28; North Dakota St. 14.

NFL

Kansas City at Houston — Some fans in Kansas City have taken to calling their football team "the Cheaps." This really isn't fair considering they have won three games this year.

Kansas City played well last week at times but suffered several key turnovers. Look for the Chiefs to bounce back against Houston Sunday and come away with a victory. Kansas City 27-21.

Philadelphia at San Francisco — The real 49ers showed up at Los Angeles Coliseum last week and whipped the previously unbeaten Rams 28-14.

The Eagles are improved over a year ago but no match for the 49ers when they're at their best. San Francisco 31-17.

Detroit at Minnesota — The Lions have upset both of last year's Super Bowl teams in the past two weeks but won't be in the friendly confines of the Silverdome this Sunday. Minnesota lost to Chicago last week but the Vikings have established themselves as contenders this year under the steady guidance of Bud Grant, a virtual legend in the Minnesota area. Vikings 24-17.

Other NFL games this week include: San Diego 34; Denver 31; Washington 27; Atlanta 17; Chicago 28; Green Bay 21; Cincinnati 31; Buffalo 24; N.Y. Giants 28; Tampa Bay 14; Miami 21; New England 17; Pittsburgh 24; Cleveland 14; Seattle 28; L.A. Raiders 27; L.A. Rams 34; New Orleans 17; N.Y. Jets 23; Indianapolis 10; and this week's Upset Special, St. Louis 28; Dallas 21.

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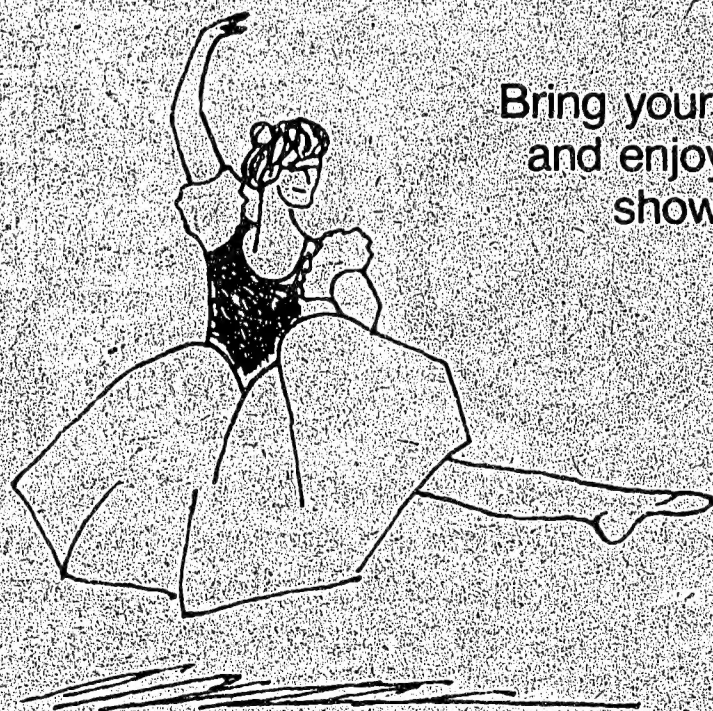


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Soccer team finishes tough but successful season



By KEVIN MCANDREWS

The UNO Soccer Club ended its season Sunday with a 3-1 loss to Bethany Lutheran College of Minnesota.

The Mavericks were 15-4-1 overall this season and had two major tournament victories. The Concordia Invitational in Seward, Neb., and the Soooland Soccer Tournament in Sioux City, Iowa, both ended in the Mavericks' favor.

Peter Kassay-Farkas, the UNO club's coach for 11 years, said they were defeated only by the varsity teams. The Mavericks usually play other clubs, but since the Northern State Soccer Conference (NSSC) folded two years ago,

UNO's competition has gotten tougher.

"We've played some pretty good teams," Kassay-Farkas said. "All four games we lost, we lost against varsities."

But UNO has started to expand its schedule, in contrast to previous seasons. Before, competition was mainly limited to clubs within the NSSC.

"We beat Lincoln, Wichita State and Iowa State," Kassay-Farkas said. He added that playing these teams shows the club's varied schedule. Moreover, he said, they are beginning to play teams in conferences such as the Missouri, the Big Ten and the Big Eight.

Some of the team's leaders were Tom McNeil, Sam Basli and Jim Sanders. Sanders, nicknamed "The Colonel," was an assistant coach as well as a leading scorer for the team.

McNeil and Basli were also top scorers for the team. Each scored three goals against Con-

cordia College in the Mavs' second-to-last game at UNO last Thursday night. UNO beat Concordia 8-0.

Sanders said the talent on the team was spread out pretty evenly and helped the teams consistency. A most-valuable-player award is still pending, according to Kassay-Farkas.

Injuries hampered the team throughout the season. Goalie Bob Scigo was lost after he suffered a knee injury against Iowa State during the Concordia Invitational. Scigo did not play in the following 15 games. Goalie duties were handed over to freshman Mike McKay.

"Almost everybody on the team was hurt at one time or another," said Scigo.

Kassay-Farkas, with a career record of 193-38-13, gives him a win-tie percentage of more than 84 percent. He said one of the season's highlights was that everyone on the team scored, except the goalies.

—Roger Tunis

UNO's Hanz Van Beers, left, battles a Concordia player for advantage of the ball in last week's game.

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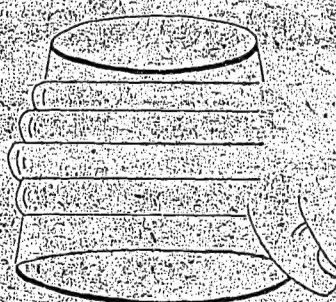
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